

Schlesinger stated yesterday that the Government in its anxiety to get as many of the ships into private operation as possible had spent \$5,000,000 reconditioning ships for the U. S. Mail line instead of waiting for the company to fix them up.

The only notice of yesterday's seizure given to the United States Mail Company was the appearance in the New York office of the line of Mr. Smull and Mr. Schlesinger at 5.30 in the evening. They sought out the Mayer family and served notice on him they were "going to seize the ships," according to E. A. Quarles, assistant to President Mayer. But so little did the officials of the that it was not even then understood, according to Mr. Quarles, that the Government was to act forthwith and with no opportunity given to the United States Mail Line for a hearing or a financial adjustment.

Thus taken by surprise, the company was unable to take immediate court action with the limited facilities of a Saturday for doing court business—a situation, it was intimated, which might well have been anticipated. Mr. Quarles promised, however, that a battle in and out of court will be started at once and fought to the end to bring a decision as to whether an independent shipping corporation, flying the American flag exclusively, can stay in business without the consent of the interests which have for years monopolized the trade.

When shipping men before the war spoke of the Transatlantic Combine, they meant something bigger than the International Mercantile Marine Corporation, though that was the strongest element in the association; the term also included the working agreement as to rates and the division of traffic which included the North German Lloyd and Hamburg Lines as well as other companies. SHIPPING EXPERTS CALLED TO AID OF THE BOARD.

War conditions suspended all the direct influences of the combination on ship operation. Among the men who were called to the aid of the Government in the Shipping Board and Emergency Fleet Corporation were many of the master minds of the Transatlantic Combine, whose experience was indispensable and whose patriotism was never questioned.

But it is recalled that even in wartime there was constant friction within the Shipping Board, which made itself felt whenever any question arose which might affect resumption of the power and the methods of the Transatlantic Combine after the war.

"Why," said a Shipping Board member at that time, "one finds that it is an intolerable outrage and an unpatriotic disturbance of confidence in the Government to look forward to the development of competing transatlantic lines and rate making agencies after the war."

It is now pointed out that Mr. Laaker, in assembling a staff to meet the present emergency confronting the Government in the Shipping Board, has called about him, as the Government member called them on going into war, many men closely identified with the International Mercantile Marine in the past.

The changed attitude, as competitors of the old established steamship companies toward the U. S. Mail Line, has been commented on in the Bowling Green district for many weeks. The passenger business gets its real profits by its third class passengers; the first and second cabins barely pay for themselves except as advertising. The ambitious enterprise of establishing an all American passenger fleet was regarded as doomed to failure because of the difficulty in getting a steamer patronage started.

Recently it has become apparent that the United States Mail ships were carrying more passengers in their steerage than any other line, ship for ship. Rumors of steps by other concerns to force the line to keep all its obligations, financial and governmental, quickly gained currency.

The ships seized yesterday were the George Washington, scheduled to sail on her maiden trip as an American liner Aug. 3; the America, just finishing her first trip as a United States Mail liner; the Agamemnon, the President Garfield, the Washington. They were scattered along the waterfront from Hoboken to Staten Island and the Army Base in Brooklyn. The ships at sea which are to be seized when within reach of the Government are the Princess Matoka, the Potomac, and the Pocahontas.

Sailings already booked will be carried out by Mr. Schlesinger said, if not by a private corporation to which the ships may be assigned, then by the Shipping Board itself.

Mr. Quarles said yesterday that certain forces foreign in nature were determined to take the line of passenger ships being operated by our company from us and that they would leave no stone unturned to accomplish this end.

"Because of its absolute Americanism, its independence, its thorough propaganda, its spies and lobbyists have sought to thwart the United States Mail Steamship Company in every step it has taken. Nothing in this statement is meant to be any personal reflection on any member of the Shipping Board, and we feel confident the board will later rescind its action."

The investments in the enterprise by Charles Mayer, Chairman of the directors of the Steamship Board, his son, Francis H. Mayer, its President, Stuart R. McElroy, and others interested with the Mayer family, French-Canadian Steamship Corporation, have been necessarily so great that for several months there have been predictions in shipping circles that they would carry with difficulty the tremendous burden of their great enterprise.

## ITALIAN CABINET TOTTERS IN 'RED' CIVIL WAR CRISIS

Communist Hospital Orderlies Said to Have Knifed Fascisti, Wounded in Battle.

ROME, July 23.—The Fascisti-Communist Sarzana fight threatened overthrow to-day of the Italian Cabinet. As a result of the State's position, the Socialist groups have decided to vote against the Cabinet's programme. This leaves as its only faithful supporters the Popular and Reformist groups, which will probably not give it the majority necessary to existence, it is believed.

Reports to-day from the fight area said twenty had been killed and at least thirty wounded. Despatches from Sarzana described murders of wounded Fascisti by hospital orderlies carrying surgeons' knives. The despatches stated they knifed their victims as they lay painfully wounded on the ground where they had fallen in fighting.

Just before adjournment of the Chamber of Deputies early to-day the "knifing" report was read. Senator Lupi enraged, leaped upon the platform and cried:

"These murderers are worse than cannibals. Can we still talk peace? The Government must act. God knows what will happen!"

Deputy Mussolini in an address said if the Government intended to persecute the Fascisti, and if the Socialists intended to use the Government against the Fascisti, his Government would "arrive at extreme consequences."

Premier Bonomi answered this by saying extreme consequences were impossible, because the Government was firmly determined to restore order. This speech was met with loud cheers.

Wild scenes developed in the Chamber during the discussion. Senator Grandi rushed at Senator Pagella, attempting to strike him with his fist. Deputies interfered and the session was adjourned. Grandi then attacked Bonomi and attempted to strike another deputy.

The Popolo d'Italia of Milan appeared this morning with an editorial urging Fascisti throughout Italy to "seek out the Communist wolf and kill the last man of them."

All Florence theatres were closed as a sign of mourning. Flags were at half mast. The Fascisti, strongly opposed to the pacifism of the Government, passed resolutions to exclude Premier Bonomi from the peace negotiations and decided to continue direct negotiations with the Socialists.

**SHIPPING BOARD'S FINEST VESSEL ON MAIDEN TRIP.**

American Legion, That Cost \$7,000,000 Sails for Rio De Janeiro.

The American Legion, a steamship recently completed for the United States Shipping Board, and said to be the finest Shipping Board vessel afloat, having cost \$7,000,000, sailed on her maiden voyage from Pier No. 8, Hoboken, to-day. Her destination is Rio de Janeiro and Buenos Aires, and aboard were nearly 100 passengers. Ninety-seven per cent. of the crew is made up of young men who have served in the army or navy, many of the army men having been overseas.

As the ship left the pier a party of Government officials and Frank C. Munson, head of the Munson Line, which is operating the vessel for the Shipping Board, waved adieu. A band played the Star-Spangled Banner. As the American Legion steamed down the bay big liners and smaller craft set aside their whistles.

**WEAK HOOD CASES MAKE MAGISTRATE SPEAK OUT.**

Tells Detective to Turn His Ability to Getting Burglars.

"Evidence you bring in here in many cases is weak. You should have your facts and at least a prima facie case. The detective testified he tasted the liquor on the floor and that it was stronger than one-half of 1 per cent. If you do not do that, I shall not hold your prisoners," said Magistrate Monahan to a detective in Yorkville Court to-day.

Detective Sam Tashur had brought into court Joseph Prelo, No. 254 Avenue A. The bottle in the case had broken at the time of the arrest and the detective testified he tasted the liquor on the floor and that it was stronger than one-half of 1 per cent. "It is absurd to bring these cases day after day," said Magistrate Monahan. "You use some of your time hunting for real criminals—thieves and burglars, for instance."

**Accused of Drugging Woman From Taxi.**

John McCarthy of No. 2046 Washington Avenue was held in \$10,000 bail in Morrisania Police Court to-day on a charge of robbery and felonious assault. Mrs. Joseph P. McCarthy, 135 Third Avenue, charged that McCarthy and two other men dragged her from a taxi cab at Triborough Avenue and 135d Street at 3 o'clock this morning, attacked her and robbed her of \$15.

## WATCHING JIM BARNES WIN THE NATIONAL OPEN GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP



## WHITE MAN HANGED BY MOB AFTER HE WAS ONCE SAVED

Wounds Two Men With Razor and Chair in Jail at Hattiesburg, Miss.

HATTIESBURG, Miss., July 23.—Casey Jones, white, recently convicted of the murder of Mrs. U. S. Mosely and sentenced to be hanged July 18, but whose case was pending on appeal before the State Supreme Court, was taken from the county jail by a mob early this morning and hanged in the Court House yard.

Sheriff Edmondson, Deputy Sheriff Joe Gray and Jailer F. H. McKenzie were sitting on the back steps of the Court House when they saw the mob bearing down on them. They were immediately surrounded by armed men and ordered to surrender the prisoner.

McKenzie refused to surrender the keys. The mob broke down five doors between them and the prisoner. Not a shot was fired, but the prisoner put up a desperate struggle, getting possession of a razor and wounding one man and hitting another with a chair. A blow on the back of the head ended the struggle and he was carried down to the tree. The two injured men were reported to be in a local hospital. This could not be verified, owing to the refusal of the superintendent to give out any information.

An attempt was made on the night after the alleged crime for which Jones was convicted, late in April, to lynch Jones, but it was frustrated by the Rev. Mr. Harmon. The prisoner at that time was lying wounded in a hospital and the mob was held at bay by "Dr. Harmon, known locally as 'The Fighting Parson,'" with a pistol.

**SENATE SENDS TARIFF BILL TO COMMITTEE**

Measure, After Debate, Is Handed Over to Experts.

WASHINGTON, July 23.—The Fordney Tariff Bill has been referred to the Finance Committee, where expert protection surgeons are expected to change its anatomy and reframe it into a new measure. Announcement was made by Senator Penrose that the work of preparing to rewrite the bill will be taken up Monday.

It has been predicted by Senator Penrose that one or two months will be required in rewriting the bill. This means it may be September before the measure is again brought before the Senate.

**EXPLOSION KILLS TWENTY.**

Swiss Nitrogen Works Blows Up—Hundreds Are Wounded.

GENEVA, July 23.—Twenty were killed and 100 injured in a terrible explosion at the nitrogen works at Bodio, near Biasco, in Ticino, when the entire plant and adjacent houses were destroyed. The plant specialized during the war in extracting nitrogen from air.

## OLD "NIG'S" LATEST IS DIME MUSEUM OF QUEER KITTIES

Four No-Tails, One Three-Leg and One With Only Two Legs Who Walks Tail up.

ONECO, Conn., July 23. Mrs. Sam Malborn, wife of Judge Malborn of this village, is the proud owner of a cat with a record. It's not Tabby this time, but "Nig." Old "Nig" is fourteen years old and has added 115 by actual count to the cat population of Oneco since she started in populating.

Her last litter consisted of four no-tail kittens, one three-legged kit and greatest freak of all one with only two legs, and she is the liveliest kitten in the bunch. Where the hind legs should be are two soft boneless members of no use to pussy in navigating. When she walks on her front legs her tail is up in the air. She's a funny sight.

## BERGDOLL HEARING BREAKS UP IN ROW

Slacker's Brother Shouts "Liar!" at Congressman, Who Then Tries to Reach Him.

(Special to The Evening World.) WASHINGTON, July 23.—The Bergdoll investigation broke up in a near-riot to-day when Charles A. Braun, brother of Grover Bergdoll, called Representative Ben Johnson, (Democrat) of Kentucky a liar when Johnson accused him of evading questions.

Johnson, who was standing at an end of the witness table, while Braun was seated at the side, with several persons in between, made a wild rush at Braun. Committee members grappled with the fiery Kentuckian while Sergeant-at-Arms Rogers of the House seized Braun and hustled him out of the room.

The room was filled with spectators, including a score of women, and there was wild excitement with those who blocked his effort to get at Braun.

**FIREBOAT CHRISTENED WITH REAL CHAMPAYNE.**

The John Purroy Mitchell, City's Best, Launched.

New York's newest and best fireboat, the John Purroy Mitchell, was launched at Shooters Island to-day, and Miss Grace Drennan, niece of the Fire Commissioner, broke a bottle of real champagne in the christening. It was said the wine was furnished by the Standard Ship Building Corporation, which built the boat.

Mayor Hylan, Fire Commissioner Drennan, and Fire Chief Kenyon were among the many City officials present. They all had luncheon in the plant and there heard speeches and music by the Fire Department Band.

The John Purroy Mitchell is 132 feet long and is the first oil burner in the Fire Department's "navy." She will pump 9,000 gallons of water a minute under a pressure of 200 pounds to the square inch. Owing to declines in commodity and other costs, she will cost only \$275,000, which is \$50,000 less than the appropriation. She will be finished in November.

## BOY MILLIONAIRE STEALS AWAY WITH CHORUS GIRL BRIDE

Secretly Wedded at 1 A. M., Young Elopers Hide Themselves on Honeymoon.

Somewhere in New England, with a racing car and plenty of money at their disposal, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Norman MacLeod are spending an impromptu honeymoon. The young man, whose parents are both reported to be dead and who is said to be a millionaire in his own right, was graduated last June from the Harston Preparatory School at Norwalk, Conn. His bride was until last Wednesday a member of the chorus of "The Last Waltz" now appearing at the Century Theatre. She was Miss Marjorie L. Muir, and it was while she was still at the home of her mother, Mrs. Ella Muir, at No. 3 Trinity Place, South Norwalk, that the boy and girl friendship started some years ago.

In April Miss Muir, who was eighteen, left home against her mother's wishes and joined the show at Atlantic City. She succeeded so well as a chorus girl that a bright future was predicted for her. Young MacLeod, just twenty-one, was finishing his prep school course, and vowed he would stick it out until he was graduated and then would take his long-time sweetheart off the stage entirely.

Last Wednesday morning about 1 o'clock a fast motor car drove up to the Mahanock Hotel at South Norwalk and MacLeod and Miss Muir got out. Entering the hotel they told the clerk they wished to be married at once. The clerk woke up Justice of the Peace John T. Dwyer, a resident guest, and the knot was tied with the night clerk and a hotel maid as witnesses. The young man had a Connecticut license.

After the ceremony the elopers, cautioning every one not to tell the news of their marriage, entered the automobile and drove east to Miramar Inn, at Green Farms, where they spent the night. Next day they resumed their journey eastward. Since then nothing has been heard of them. The bride is described as an unusually pretty girl, dark complexion and tall and graceful.

About a month ago young MacLeod had a man arrested who had been rooming with him and who gave the name of J. J. Adams, for stealing a \$75 pin and a \$75 matchbox. The man was convicted and is now serving a jail sentence in Norwalk.

**GUILTY OF NEGLECT IN RIOTS.**

Suspended Tulsa (Okla.) Police Chief Failed in Duty, Jury Finds.

TULSA, Okla., July 23.—John A. Gustafson, suspended Chief of Police, to-day was found guilty of having failed to take proper precautions for public safety on the night and day of the recent race riot here, and also guilty on another count of conspiracy to free automobile thieves and collecting rewards.

The jury deliberated six hours.

## NO TAX BURDENS TO BE LIFTED FROM BACKS OF PEOPLE

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business conditions, and the only advantage in actually taking it off the statute books lies in stimulating American business enterprise, which has hitherto been restrained by the excess profits tax. Thus it has been realized for some time that in place of the excess profits tax, even if not repealed, some better means of raising money was necessary. No definite plan has as yet been worked out.

The big fact, however, is that instead of tax reduction there will be tax readjustment. This means that the burden on the taxpayers as a whole will remain the same, but that the taxes will be differently distributed. The question of whether this distribution will rest less heavily on the big corporations and more heavily on the smaller incomes is difficult to settle, because Congress is a political body and the Congressional elections are not so far away.

The Republicans would like to repeal the taxes on soft drinks and upon transportation, while, at the same time, increasing some of the taxes on business and production, but they are confronted, on the one hand, by the desire to relieve the small taxpayer, and, on the other hand, by the knowledge that economic conditions cannot be much improved or unemployment diminished unless American business is free from the restraints of over-taxation.

**BLACK HAND BOMB FOLLOWS THREAT**

Blows Out Door and Windows of Brownsville Grocery—Letter Demanded \$1,500.

A "Black Hand" bomb blew out the front door and windows of Charles Navarro's grocery store at No. 1888 East New York Avenue, Brownsville, at 5 A. M. to-day. It awoke everybody in the neighborhood and attracted several hundred persons, many in night clothing. Navarro, his wife and their nine children live in the rear of the store and were nearly jarred out of their beds. Frank, a son, the first to reach the street, saw no one, and from the fact no fragment of the bomb was found, it is believed it was intended to scare without doing much damage. No one was hurt.

On June 29, Navarro told the police, he received a letter in Italian demanding \$1,500. He was told to go to Broadway and 42d Street, Manhattan, and give the money to a man who knew him by sight and would pass him a handkerchief. If he didn't he would be killed. Navarro said business was good and he thought the letter was from some one who knew it. He ignored the demand, and thinks the bomb was a reminder.

**George W. Ketcham Dead.**

Former State Senator George W. Ketcham died yesterday at his home, No. 190 North Sixth Street, Newark, N. J., from heart trouble. He was eighty-two years old. He was Vice President of the Central Stamping Company, Inc., at Hastings, Westchester County, and was a graduate of Princeton class of 1890.

## GIRL MRS. SHAW NAMED SAYS HE RUINED HER LIFE

Former Ziegfeld Dancer Tells Story of Deception by Wealthy Banker.

BOSTON, July 23.—Miss Madeline La Barre, remembered as "The Butterfly" and former Ziegfeld dancer, who was named as a co-respondent in a suit for divorce brought by Mrs. Elinor Shaw of New York, wife of Philip M. Shaw, against her millionaire broker husband, admitted Shaw paid her bill at the Hotel Woodward from December, 1919, to June, 1920.

"He double-crossed me," she said, in relating how Shaw induced her to relinquish her aspirations for a motion picture career so that she might become his wife.

"I had studied for years and a cinema company had just offered me a five-year contract," continued Miss La Barre at her home in Somerville, Mass. "The opportunity to a lifetime was within my grasp, but Shaw came along and he talked me into his brother as his future wife, so I decided to forsake the films for a future happy home with him. He paid my hotel bill while I was there preparing my trousseau. When I learned Shaw was married, I was broken-hearted. I returned to Boston with my mother. I have been a nervous wreck since he shattered my life, and have had the attention of physicians ever since."

Miss La Barre emphatically denied she had been guilty of any misconduct with Shaw. "Oh, that such a man should exist!" exclaimed the actress's mother, an tears flowed down her cheeks. "What was he thinking of when he became engaged to my beautiful, innocent and trusting daughter?"

**SUN'S RAYS ARE BLAMED FOR BLAST THAT KILLED 4.**

Brooklyn Prosecutor Investigates Explosion on Tanker.

District Attorney Lewis has ordered an investigation of the explosion yesterday on the oil tanker Ardmore in the shipyard of the Morse Dry Dock and Repair Company, which killed four men and injured others. Assistant District Attorney Benjamin Hock, assigned to the investigation, has questioned a number of the injured and other witnesses and has evolved three theories.

The most probable, he said, is that the sun, beating upon the plates of the ship alongside the empty oil tank, which was sealed, expanded gases inside, which blew off the cover. If this is so, there will be no prosecution, it is said. His other theories, which seem rather improbable to him, are that escaping gas was ignited by a dropped match or a gasolene torch being used not far from the tank.

**TRETTED TO KILL WIFE.**

Workhouse for Man Who Once Annoyed Wilson.

Herbert Boone, fifty-four, a pressman of No. 1670 Second Avenue, was sentenced to-day in Harlem Court by Magistrate Sweetser on a charge of disorderly conduct made by his wife, Clara. Boone came home intoxicated last night, smashed in the door and threatened to kill his wife, who fled by the fire escape. Boone was sentenced Oct. 12, 1918, when he jumped upon the automobile of President Wilson in the Liberty Loan parade. He was discharged then.

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## NORTHCLEIFF SEES BIG STEP FORWARD IN IRISH SITUATION

Publisher, Arriving in American Garb, Says Britain Is Fast Disarming.

The adaptability of the Right Hon. Viscount Northcliffe, owner of the London Times, the London Daily Mail and other important British publications, was illustrated to-day when he stepped ashore from the Cunarder Aquitania clad in an American Palm Beach suit and wearing low shoes of American cut, a Panama hat and horn rimmed spectacles of about the size and solemn appearance of those affected by Ambassador Harvey. Lord Northcliffe looked the type of American seen on Broadway or Fifth Avenue.

"Probably," said Lord Northcliffe, "the question that is interesting the most people in the world to-day is that of disarmament. Great Britain has been disarming ever since the armistice was signed. In Southampton harbor a number of British warships are rusting at their moorings. The navy personnel was decreased 10,000 men right after the armistice. Great Britain's standing army all over the world numbers only 350,000 men and it is being reduced."

Lord Northcliffe disclaimed credit for bringing about the parity between Lloyd George and De Valera, but admitted his newspapers for a long time had advocated what was done.

"The Irish question," he said, "hinges on whether Lloyd George had the power or the ingenuity to bring about a truce with the Irish Republican Army. The truce was brought about. I think the situation is full of hope, but a quarrel that has endured 700 years cannot be settled overnight. And when we talk about Ireland assuming a dominion form of government we must bear in mind that the dominions of Great Britain all have different forms of government, depending on local situations. Ireland might require something different from any of the others—in case that form of settlement should be reached."

The Northcliffe press has been advocating a Government policy of encouraging mercantile aviation. Lord Northcliffe said he wants the British Government to put the several Zeppelins it has acquired into commercial service. A trip from England to Australia will be attempted shortly. It is believed the voyage will be made in ten days.

Lloyd George's action in depriving the Northcliffe papers of the right to visit Government offices in search of news was taken after Lord Northcliffe's departure from England.

"It was characteristic of Lloyd George," he said, "that he take advantage of a man in mid-ocean who had no opportunity to defend himself. I am quite indifferent to what action Lloyd George has taken. Our news organization, and that of the other newspapers, is getting more accurate and interesting information than the Government gives out."

Accompanying Lord Northcliffe is H. Wickham Speed, who has never been in America before. He will cover a considerable part of the United States before returning to London. Mr. Speed, who has been a man of letters, returned on the Aquitania.

## SUES JAPANESE AVIATION STUDENT FOR ALIENATION.

Won His Wife by Promising Costly Presents, Says Contractor.

Richard Komai, a student aviator at Curtiss Field, has been served with papers in an action for \$10,000 brought by Harry Heidman, an electrical contractor, of Roosevelt, for the alleged alienation of the affections of his wife, according to Mr. Heidman's counsel, Elvin N. Edwards, an Assistant District Attorney of Nassau County.

The papers, the Japanese with exercising an influence over the mind of Heidman's wife, Edna, and also that Heidman was induced to give up his job to win his wife from Komai. The Heidmans were married in Brooklyn in 1905 and have two children. Heidman charges that Komai won her affections by promises of costly presents and by telling her that Heidman was not her proper man. Mrs. Heidman and Komai went on many automobile trips together, according to the papers. Komai is living in Hempstead Heights.

**Shoe Manufacturer Under Armed Guard as Draft Evader.**

(Special to The Evening World.)

NEW YORK, July 23.—Frank J. Seibner, a manufacturer of shoes, with a store in Hartford was brought here under armed guard to-day on route to court martial on a charge of evading the draft.

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